GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Additional Freight Trains
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways have stepped in to quickly transport the bumper harvest of the famed red Nashik onions by operating additional freight trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways proposes to operate such trains in other parts of the country particularly Kota where there is excess production of garlic and tomatoes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) Yes, Madam. Indian Railways has taken adequate steps in this regard.

(b) During 2016-17 (April 2016- February 2017), total 316 rakes were loaded for Onions as against 191 rakes loaded during the same period in 2015-16, registering an increase of 65.4%.

(c) & (d): No indent has been placed or pending for loading of Garlic and Tomatoes.
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